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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): **A Messaging Method And Apparatus Including A Protocol Stack That Corresponds Substantially To An Open System Interconnection (OSI) Model And Incorporates A Simple Network Transport Layer**

By (Inventors): **Jim Zombek, Rick Sobchak, and Rudy Bonefas**

- ☒ 103 pages of Specification/Claims 1-47/Abstract are attached.
☒ Formal drawings (Fig. 1-9; 18 sheets) is attached.
☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney will be filed at a later.
☒ An assignment of the invention along with form PTO-1595 will be filed later.
☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith, along with form PTO-1449, and reference.
☐ A Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is filed herewith.
☐ A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. __, filed __.--
☐ Priority of foreign application No. _____ filed _____ in _____ is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).
☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.

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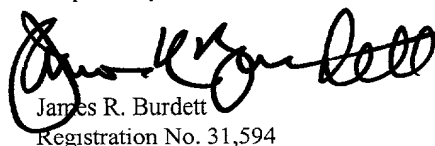
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Respectfully submitted,


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